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SUBJECT: Observers for Honduran Elections

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[1](#)1. (SBU) The Panamanian Electoral Tribunal is still evaluating whether it will send representatives to Honduras to provide technical assistance or serve as observers for the November 29 elections. They expect to have a final decision by November 20.

[1](#)2. (SBU) A representative from the Panamanian Chamber of Commerce (PanCham) informed Poloff 11/16 that the Honduran Chamber of Commerce had requested that PanCham send election observers. PanCham planned to send five people beginning November 27. Due to their lack of experience with electoral observation, PanCham planned to reach out to NDI and/or IRI and ask to join their observation efforts.  
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